

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Consider a structure composed of  $m$  layers of a particular dielectric material, with each layer separated from the next by a gap that may be filled with air or with some other dielectric material. If there are  $m$  layers, there will be  $m-1$  gaps. If the transmission matrices of the individual layers are denoted by  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m$ , and the transmission matrices of the gaps by  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{m-1}$ , then the transmission matrix of the composite structure is:

$$\underline{T = T_1 \times G_1 \times T_2 \times G_2 \times T_{m-1} \times G_{m-1} \times T_m}, \quad [9]$$

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where the transmission matrix of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  dielectric layer is given by:

$$T_k = T_{ka} \times P_k \times T_{kb}. \quad [10]$$